

Journey to College

Apply Missouri Best Practices

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Apply MissouriBest practices and tips

Utilize the free resources from J2C

• Promotional materials, forms, games, surveys, and more!

Pair with other events so your students are hearing the same information multiple times

Senior Meetings, Financial Aid Presentations, College Fairs

Partner with teachers/staff

- Have them promote their alma mater (signs, college gear days, etc)
- Discuss their college choice process with their classes

Promote, Promote, Promote!!!

- Announcements, emails, texts, and social media blasts
- Be in the hallway during passing time to encourage kids to visit



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Our Event takes place in mid-October

 2 weeks after Financial Aid Presentation and 1 week after College Fair

Counselors are set up in a computer lab all day

- This allows all students to have an opportunity to participate during the school day
- Senior English teachers encourage all of their students to visit us during their class

Students can come in anytime during the day to get help with:

- College research and/or applications
- Scholarship research and/or applications
- FAFSA ID creation
- ACT registration (have fee waivers close by)
- Missouri Connections

Hand out free items from J2C and any college or military swag



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Apply Missouri Virtual Considerations

If schools aren't in session, will in-person events be allowed to happen on campuses?

- If yes, things to consider would be:
 - Capacity limits
 - Social distancing guidelines
 - Additional staff to support

- In no, then virtual events may be utilized
 - Most likely multi-day events
 - Virtual meeting platforms (Google Meet/Zoom)
 - Short videos showing how to apply for college
 - Making sure they students have their GPA, rank, and ACT scores

